In the Claims:

1. (previously presented) A compound represented by formula I:

wherein,

n is 3, or 4;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)₃;

 R^1 and R^2 are independently H, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃; or R^1 and R^2 taken together are C(CH₃)₂, P(O)OH, or P(O)OR⁵;

 R^3 is amino, $-N_3$, or $-NH_3X$;

 R^4 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃, or -P(O)(OR⁵)₂;

R⁵ represents independently for each occurrence H, Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, Rb⁺, Cs⁺, aryl, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

X is a halogen, alkyl carboxylate, or aryl carboxylate.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 3.

- 4. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R is H.
- 5. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² taken together are P(O)OR⁵.
- 6. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^3 is N_3 .
- 7. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is -NH₃X.
- 8. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R⁴ represents independently for each occurrence -CH₂Ph, or -Si(alkyl)₃.
- 9. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R⁴ represents independently for each occurrence -CH₂Ph, -or P(O)OR⁵; and R⁵ is an optionally substituted alkyl group.
- 10. (previously presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

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11. (previously presented) A compound represented by formula II:

wherein,

n is 3, or 4;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)₃;

R¹ is -(CH₂)_mCH=CH₂ or trichloroacetimidate; and

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m is 1-6.

- 12. (canceled)
- 13. (original) The compound of claim 11, wherein n is 3.
- 14. (original) The compound of claim 11, wherein m is 3.
- 15. (original) The compound of claim 11, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence -CH₂-aryl or -Si(alkyl)₃.
- 16. (original) The compound of claim 11, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence benzyl or -Si(iPr)₃.
- 17. (previously presented) The compound of claim 11, wherein R¹ is trichloroacetimidate and R represents independently for each occurrence benzyl or -Si(iPr)₃.
- 18. (previously presented) The compound of claim 11, wherein said compound of formula

 II is selected from the group consisting of:

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19. (previously presented) A method comprising the step of:

admixing a compound represented by
$$R_3$$
 with a compound represented by R_3 with a

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iodosuccinimide and silver triflate, thereby forming a compound represented by

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)₃;

R¹ and R² are independently H, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃; or R¹ and R² taken together are C(CH₃)₂, P(O)OH, or P(O)OR⁵;

 R^3 is amino, $-N_3$, or $-NH_3X$;

R⁵ represents independently for each occurrence H, Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, Rb⁺, Cs⁺, aryl, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R⁶ is alkyl or aryl;

R⁷ is alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)₃; and

X is a halogen, alkyl carboxylate, or aryl carboxylate.

- 20. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein R is -CH₂-aryl.
- 21. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein R^1 and R^2 taken together are $C(CH_3)_2$.
- 22. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein R^3 is $-N_3$.
- 23. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein R⁶ is alkyl.
- 24. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein R⁷ is -C(O)-alkyl.
- 25. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein R is benzyl, R^1 and R^2 taken together are $C(CH_3)_2$, and R^3 is $-N_3$.
- 26. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein R is benzyl, R¹ and R² taken together are C(CH₃)₂, R³ is -N₃, and R⁶ is ethyl.
- 27. (currently amended) A method of preparing a tetrasaccharide, comprising the steps of:

covalently binding a mannopyranoside to a solid support_to provide a first substrate, reacting said first substrate with a mannopyranose trichloroacetimidate to give a disaccharide bound to said solid support, reacting said disaccharide with a mannopyranose trichloroacetimidate to give a triisaccharide bound to said solid support, reacting said trisaccharide with a mannopyranose trichloroacetimidate to give a tetrasaccharide bound to said solid support, and cleaving said tetrasaccharide from said solid support, wherein said tetrasaccharide is cleaved from said solid support using Grubbs' catalyst.

- 28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein said mannopyranoside is bound to said solid support through a glycosidic linkage.
- 29. (canceled)
- 30. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said tetrasaccharide is

31. (previously presented) A compound represented by formula I:

wherein,

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)₃;

 R^1 and R^2 are independently H, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃; or R^1 and R^2 taken together are C(CH₃)₂, P(O)OH, or P(O)OR⁵;

 R^3 is amino, $-N_3$, or $-NH_3X$;

 R^4 represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃, or -P(O)(OR⁵)₂;

R⁵ represents independently for each occurrence H, Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, Rb⁺, Cs⁺, aryl, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

 R^6 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃, or -P(O)(OR⁵)₂;

X is a halogen, alkyl carboxylate, or aryl carboxylate.

- 32. (previously presented) The compound of claim 31, wherein R is H.
- 33. (previously presented) The compound of claim 31, wherein R¹ and R² taken together are P(O)OR⁵.
- 34. (previously presented) The compound of claim 31, wherein R³ is -NH₃X.
- 35. (previously presented) The compound of claim 31, wherein R⁴ is H.
- 36. (previously presented) The compound of claim 31, wherein R⁶ is -P(O)(OR⁵)₂.
- 37. (previously presented) The compound of claim 31, wherein R is H; R¹ and R² taken together are P(O)OR⁵; R³ is -NH₃X; R⁴ is H; and R⁶ is -P(O)(OR⁵)₂.
- 38. (previously presented) A compound represented by formula I:

wherein,

n is 1;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, or -Si(alkyl)₃;

 R^1 is -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃;

 R^2 is -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃; or R^1 and R^2 taken together are C(CH₃)₂, P(O)OH, or P(O)OR⁵;

 R^3 is amino, $-N_3$, or $-NH_3X$;

R⁴ represents independently for each occurrence alkyl, aryl, -CH₂-aryl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -Si(alkyl)₃, or -P(O)(OR⁵)₂;

R⁵ represents independently for each occurrence H, Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, Rb⁺, Cs⁺, aryl, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

X is a halogen, alkyl carboxylate, or aryl carboxylate.